

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

The Thermopolis Town Council met in regular session on April 1, 2025, at 7 pm at Town Hall. Present were Mayor Adam Estenson, Council members Tony Larson, John Dorman Sr., Rachel Hughes and Dusty Lewis. Also present were Mayor/Codes Administrative Assistant Jim Jeunehomme, Clerk/Treasurer Tracey Van Heule, Police Sargent Mike Mascorro, Public Works Director Basil Sorensen, Town Engineer Anthony Barnett and Town Attorney Marshall Keller.

AGENDA: Dorman made a motion, seconded by Lewis and carried to approve the agenda as presented.

MINUTES: Larson made a motion, seconded by Dorman and carried to approve the Council meeting minutes from March 4, and 18, 2025.

BILLS: Dorman made a motion, seconded by Lewis and carried to approve the General, Enterprise and Special Fund bills for March 2025. Larson abstained on the approval of the bill to his business.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: MERI ANN DORMAN: BROADWAY BRIDGE PROJECT: Meri Ann noted the Broadway Bridge would be closed from May 28 to Oct 16, 2025, for resurfacing. She would like to put up 5 banners to direct people to the businesses effected by the bridge closure. She was given permission for a banner on Second Street on property shared by the state and town.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: FRANK DAVIS: MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS PARADE: Hughes made a motion, seconded by Larson and carried to approve the motorcycle awareness parade, with a police escort on May 3, 2025.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: OEB: KICK OFF SUMMER PARTY – STREET CLOSURE: Lewis made a motion, seconded by Dorman and carried to approve a street closure on May 24th beginning at 2pm on Broadway from 5th to 6th street. Lon Beck was also given permission to close an area near the flagpole on 5th and Broadway on May 23rd to set up the stage for the band.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: SANDY ROBERTSON: LOCAL LEMON STREET CLOSURE: Robertson asked for street closures for the 500 block of Arapahoe on June 27, July 25 and August 22 from 2-9pm for Food Truck Friday. Robertson noted a portable toilet would be available, vendors would bring generators and garbage cans. Estenson noted the town would likely provide a dumpster. Dorman made a motion, seconded by Larson and carried to approve the street closures.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS: The following reports were available for review: police, engineering, streets and alleys, water, wastewater, sanitation and landfill. Barnett noted there would be a field trip to Saratoga to visit their transfer station.

TOWN ATTORNEY: ROCKY MTN POWER FRANCHISE AGREEMENT ORDINANCE:

Keller noted the ordinance had not changed from the second reading. Larson made a motion, seconded by Lewis and carried to approve the third and final reading of the ordinance.

ORDINANCE 879

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A NONEXCLUSIVE FRANCHISE TO ROCKY MOUNTAIN POWER, A DIVISION OF PACIFIC CORP., FOR INSTALLATION, OPERATION OF ELECTRICAL DISTRIBUTION, TRANSMISSION, AND SALE OF ELECTRICITY TO CUSTOMERS WITHIN THE TOWN OF THERMOPOLIS; RATIFYING AND APPROVING THE NONEXCLUSIVE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT WITH ROCKY MOUNTAIN POWER, A DIVISION OF PACIFIC CORP.

PASSED ON FIRST READING March 4, 2025.

PASSED ON SECOND READING March 18, 2025.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED ON THIRD AND FINAL READING April 1, 2025.

TOWN ATTORNEY: AN ORDINANCE REVISING CARPORT DEFINITION, LOCATION

AND CONSTRUCTION: Keller reviewed the changes from the first reading. Hughes asked for clarification on the number of sides that were open, Keller noted the correct wording is one or more sides. Dorman made a motion seconded by Lewis and carried to approve the second reading of the ordinance.

ADMINISTRATION: Jeunehomme noted the 2024 Annual Water Quality Report has been posted on the town website.

MAYOR & COUNCIL: BIG HORN BASIN NATURE & DISCOVERY CENTER:

Jeunehomme noted two applications were received, however one application was received after the deadline, therefore not accepted. Lewis made a motion, seconded by Hughes and carried to appoint Frank Lambrick to the Big Horn Basin Nature & Discovery Center Board.

MAYOR & COUNCIL: Work session agendas were discussed. At 7:21 pm, Hughes made a motion, seconded by Dorman and carried to adjourn. The next council meeting is April 15, 2025, at 7pm.

BILLS: A & I Distributors, Oil, \$770.71; AFLAC, Insurance, \$459.32; American Welding, Welding Gases, \$77.41; BCN, Phone, \$91.41; Big Horn Water, Service, \$39.50; Biolyneus, Supplies, \$7,854.01; BNSF, Lease, \$113.45; Carquest, Supplies \$622.54; Caselle, Support, Software \$844.00; DetectaChem, Supplies, \$215.66; Energy Labs, Service, \$328.50; Engineering Assoc., Service, \$12,637.21; Great West Trust, Retirement, \$800.00; Hach, Supplies, \$1,167.69; Hawkins, Rental, \$20.00; High Plains Power, Service, \$501.43; HSC, Election & Phone, \$7,455.41; HSC Fire District, Snow Removal, \$1,402.50; HS Vet Clinic, Contract, \$955.00; HSCSD#1, Fuel, \$3,845.55; HSC Treasurer, Tax Commission, \$12.30; IR, Legal Ads, \$1,126.26; Insurance Trust, Premiums, \$37,792.00; Invictus, Software, \$1,905.00;

Jadeco, Service, \$3,010.23; Joe Johnson Equip., Parts, \$266.79; Keller Law, Service, \$4,400.00; Kleen Pipe, Service, \$3,888.72; Laird Sanitation, Service, \$100.00; Legion Golf Club, Funding, \$12,500.00; Merchant McIntyre, Retainer, \$8,000.00; Motor Power Equip., Parts, \$1,644.56; Murdoch Oil, Diesel, \$2,366.93; Napa, Parts, \$1,596.92; NCPERS, Life Ins., \$224.00; Normont, Asphalt, \$4,945.00; One Call, Dues & Locates, \$8.25; O'Reilly, Supplies, \$29.73; Pace Analytical, Service, \$334.00; Postmaster, Postage, \$661.84; Range, Service, \$1,034.66; Rocky Mt. Power, Service, \$18,643.89; Specialty Towing, Service, \$160.00; Robert Stehlin, Service, \$221.00; Thermopolis Hardware, Supplies, \$358.99; Tony's TLC, Park Contract, \$9,013.14; Total Response, Software, \$2,945.80; TOT, Depreciation & Utilities, \$78,489.75; Tractor & Equip., Parts, \$1,678.75; Traveling Computer, Service, \$1,873.04; Unum, Life Ins., \$118.06; Verizon, Phone, \$470.91; Visa, Supplies, \$4,398.75; VSP, Insurance, \$299.36; Williams Law Office, Service, \$900.00; WLEA, Class, \$685.00; Workforce Services, Workers Comp, \$3,367.67; WY Gas, Service, \$3,734.34; WY Retirement, Retirement, \$24,003.66; WY.Com, Service, \$25.00; WyoNet, Email, \$495.00; Youth Alternatives, Services, \$500.00; Payroll, \$94,804.53; Payroll Taxes, \$29,827.11.

ATTEST:

Tracey Van Heule, Clerk/Treasurer

Adam Estenson, Mayor